

**Memorandum on Delegation of Authority With Respect to Concluding Amendments to the Agreement Concerning Trade in Certain Steel Products From the Russian Federation**

July 23, 2002

*Memorandum for the Secretary of Commerce*

*Subject:* Delegation of Authority With Respect to Concluding Amendments to the July 12, 1999, Agreement Concerning Trade in Certain Steel Products from the Russian Federation

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered that the Secretary of Commerce is designated and empowered to exercise, following consultations with the United States Trade Representative and other agencies as appropriate, the authority vested in the President to conclude amendments to the July 12, 1999, Agreement Concerning Trade in Certain Steel Products from the Russian Federation in accordance with Article XI of the 1990 Agreement on Trade Relations between the United States of America and the Russian Federation, and title IV of the Trade Act of 1974. The Secretary may exercise such authority without approval, ratification, or other action of the President.

As the Secretary of Commerce may direct, the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration is authorized to exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by this memorandum.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 24, and it was published in the *Federal Register* on July 26.

**Remarks Following a Meeting With Congressional Leaders**

July 24, 2002

**Legislative Agenda**

**The President.** Today I've had the honor of talking to Members of the United States Congress—these good folks happen to be Democrats—about how to leave behind a legacy of a more secure America. We're talking about an incredibly important piece of legislation that will be voted on this Friday. It's a legislation to create a Department of Homeland Security; it's really a piece of legislation to make America a safer place.

And I want to thank the leaders who are here for their willingness to put partisanship aside and focus on what's best for the American people. I believe we're going to get a good bill on Friday out of the House. I ask the Senate to vote on the bill before they go home for their August vacation.

Secondly, we're making progress on a piece of legislation which will enable us to say that we passed laws to help protect investors, 401(k) stockholders, from corporate fraud. This Government—this Government will investigate, will arrest, and will prosecute corporate executives who break the law. And the Justice Department took action today.

And finally, I am hopeful that after a lot of work, we can get a trade bill up on the floor of the House and the floor of the Senate before they go home for August as well. This is an important part of a legislative package necessary to help create jobs and keep the economy going.

Today was a day of action and a day of accomplishment in Washington, DC. And I want to thank the Members for that.

Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:55 p.m. in the Cabinet Room at the White House.

**Statement on Northern Ireland**

July 24, 2002

I strongly support Prime Minister Tony Blair's statement in the House of Commons today. The United States joins with his Government and the Government of Ireland in